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Annotations/programme of work

28 April 2003

1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Election of officers

At its organizational session held in 1980, the Committee on Information reached an agreement according to which the principle of geographical rotation would be applied to all officers of the Committee and they would be elected to two-year terms. At the beginning of the twenty-fifth session, the Committee will elect a

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Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve in their respective capacities during 2003 and 2004.

3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the outgoing Bureau.

4. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

5. Admission of new members

Switzerland, Suriname and St. Vincent and the Grenadines have applied for membership in the Committee on Information.

6. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will address the Committee at its opening meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Department and report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolutions 57/130 A and B of 11 December 2002 and 57/300 of 20 December 2002.

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7. General debate[1]

1 and 2 May 2003

8. Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the continuing reorientation of the Department of Public Information

Report of the Secretary-General on programmatic aspects of the proposed programme budget for 2004-2005 for the Department of Public Information

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations libraries

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Communications Group

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the United Nations Information Centres' structure and operations

2 May 2003

9. Commemoration of World Press Freedom Day

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 48/432 of 20 December 1993, 3 May has been declared World Press Freedom Day. It is the intention of the Committee to commemorate the occasion on 2 May 2003.

5-8 May 2003

10. Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information

The Secretariat will require a 48-hour period to process the draft report of the Committee in all official languages.

9 May 2003

11. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session

Notes

[1] The following wording for the sub-items of the general debate is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979:

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communications order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information;

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communications order;

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications.